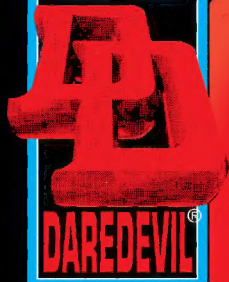


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# DAREDEVIL

THE MAN WITHOUT FEAR

The LONG  
NIGHT

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FOGGY.

OH! UH, DIDN'T KNOW IF YOU WERE STILL HERE, PARTNER.

I'M ABOUT TO HEAD OUT-- PICK UP MY, UH, MOTHER AT GRAND CENTRAL?

YOU GOING TO STAY MUCH LONGER? IT'S PRETTY LATE, AND, UH...

...AND IT'S REALLY DARK IN HERE, MATT!

SORRY, FOGGY.

MUST BE ABOUT MIDNIGHT, RIGHT? THAT'S WHEN KAREN GOES TO HER NEW JOB... THE ONE SHE WON'T TELL ME ABOUT...

KLK

HEY, YOUR MS. PAGE IS A BIG GIRL, BUDDY-- SHE'LL BE OKAY! SHE'LL FILL YOU IN WHEN SHE'S READY!

SO KAREN'S GOT A MYSTERIOUS JOB... SO YOU'RE DAREDEVIL! I MEAN EVERYONE'S GOT SECRETS.

EVERYONE.

YOU, UH... YOU KNOW IF ROSALIND'S GONE? SHE'S KIND OF BEEN GIVING ME THE COLD SHOULDER SINCE THE HYDE TRIAL...

HER HEARTBEAT LEFT AN HOUR AGO, FOGGY. I ASSUME SHE WENT WITH IT.

HA. FUNNY, MATT.

OKAY, I'M OUT OF HERE. YOU SHOULD BE, TOO.

IT'S NOT LIKE IF YOU STICK AROUND YOU'LL HEAR WHAT KAREN'S NEW JOB IS ON THE RADIO OR ANYTHING, RIGHT?



RIGHT... AND WRONG  
AT THE SAME TIME.  
GOOD OLD FOGGY.

MY PROBLEM ISN'T NOT KNOWING  
ABOUT KAREN'S JOB... IT'S THAT  
I COULD FIND OUT ABOUT IT IN A  
HEARTBEAT.

LITERALLY.

KLIK

I COULD FOLLOW HER  
TO WORK ON ANY  
EVENING BY THE SOUND  
OF HER PULSE.

FOCUS ON HER  
DISTINCTIVE CON-  
TOUR FROM BLOCKS  
AWAY AS SHE EN-  
TERED A BUILDING.

TLX


KNOW WHAT FLOOR  
SHE GOT OFF THE  
ELEVATOR BY THE  
TRACES OF HER  
PERFUME.

RADAR AND HEIGHTENED  
SENSES-- THE FEW  
BONUSES TO BEING  
BLINDED BY RADIATION  
WHEN I WAS YOUNGER.

BUT THEY'RE NO EXCUSE TO GO  
SPYING ON MY GIRLFRIEND.

IN FACT, THEY'RE EVERY  
REASON I NEED A  
DISTRACTION.





LUCKILY, THERE'S ALWAYS SOMETHING TO DO IN NEW YORK!

STAN LEE PRESENTS THE MAN WITHOUT FEAR AS YOU'VE NEVER SEEN HIM BEFORE!

**THE DEVIL YOU KNOW!**

MIND IF I DROP IN-- OR IS THIS A PRIVATE ROBBERY?

YELLOW  
COMICS  
CO.  
WWW.CO

GUILTY OF HAVING WAY TOO MUCH FUN...  
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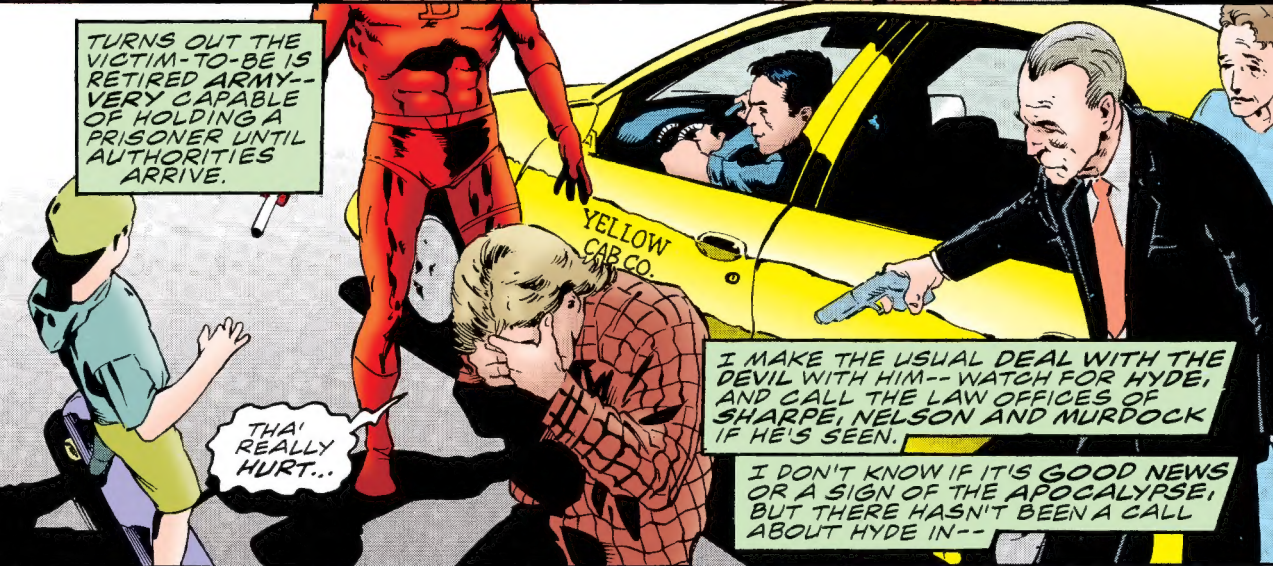




GOOD LORD--  
THERE'S SOMETHING  
ON YOUR FACE!

DON'T  
WORRY--I'VE  
GOT IT!

HEY! OW!  
LEGGGO!

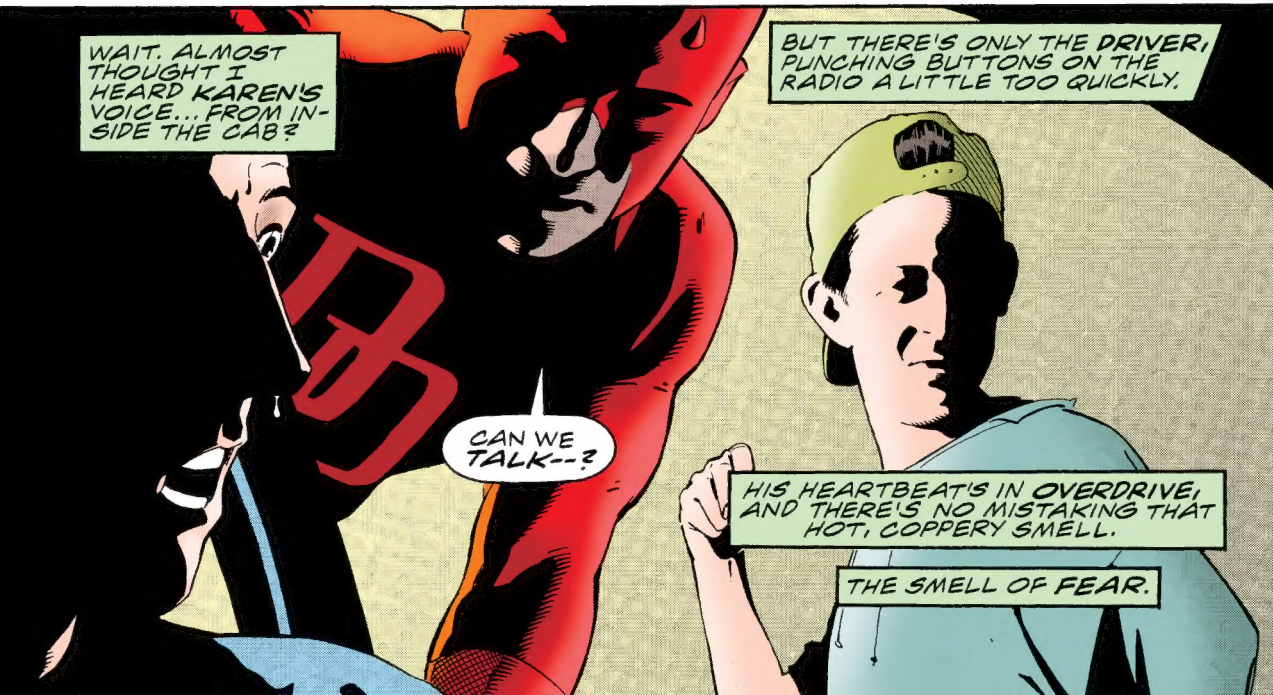


URNS OUT THE  
VICTIM-TO-BE IS  
RETIRED ARMY--  
VERY CAPABLE  
OF HOLDING A  
PRISONER UNTIL  
AUTHORITIES  
ARRIVE.

THAT  
REALLY  
HURT...

I MAKE THE USUAL DEAL WITH THE  
DEVIL WITH HIM-- WATCH FOR HYDE,  
AND CALL THE LAW OFFICES OF  
SHARPE, NELSON AND MURDOCK  
IF HE'S SEEN.

I DON'T KNOW IF IT'S GOOD NEWS  
OR A SIGN OF THE APOCALYPSE,  
BUT THERE HASN'T BEEN A CALL  
ABOUT HYDE IN--



WAIT. ALMOST  
THOUGHT I  
HEARD KAREN'S  
VOICE... FROM IN-  
SIDE THE CAB?

BUT THERE'S ONLY THE DRIVER,  
PUNCHING BUTTONS ON THE  
RADIO A LITTLE TOO QUICKLY.

CAN WE  
TALK--?

HIS HEARTBEAT'S IN OVERDRIVE,  
AND THERE'S NO MISTAKING THAT  
HOT, COPPERY SMELL.

THE SMELL OF FEAR.



OKAY, THERE'S THE  
CHANCE HE MIS-  
UNDERSTOOD ME...



NO! YOU  
GOT TOMMY--  
BUT YOU WON'T  
GET ME!

'SCUSE ME, SON-- BUT  
AS PER THE LAWS OF THE  
SUPERHERO CHARTER, IN  
COOPERATION WITH  
THE GREAT STATE OF  
NEW YORK...

...I'M HEREBY  
DEPUTIZING  
YOUR SKATE-  
BOARD!

WHOA!  
TRASH IT,  
MAN!



**FWIPPP!**



YEAH.  
THAT'S THE  
PLAN.

MY BILLY-CLUB LINE SNAGS  
THE CAB'S BUMPER AND  
SNAPS TIGHT.

I GO FROM ZERO  
TO FIFTY IN A NEW  
YORK MINUTE.



I REMEMBER SOME-  
THING ABOUT "THE  
WORST YEAR FOR POT-  
HOLES EVER!"

BUT THAT'S WHY THEY  
CALL ME DAREDEVIL,  
THE MAN WITHOUT  
FEAR!

AND IF I CAN'T STOP  
THIS LOW-LEVEL STREET-  
THIEF, I'M SURE THERE'S  
A LOT OF OTHER NAMES  
THEY'LL CALL ME...



DAREDEVIL--  
LAST OF THE RED  
HOT HEROES?

I'M PAIGE ANGEL, AND  
THAT'S WHAT I WANT TO  
DISCUSS BETWEEN  
DISCS TONIGHT.

THE FANTASTIC FOUR  
AND AVENGERS ARE GONE,  
BUT THEIR ENEMIES  
LINGER ON.

SO WHEN THE MASTERS OF EVIL  
KNOCK DOWN YOUR DOOR-- WHO  
YA GONNA CALL?

LOOKS LIKE THE BEST ONE TO  
TRUST IS THE DEVIL YOU KNOW...  
BUT WHAT DO WE KNOW ABOUT  
THE MAN WITHOUT FEAR?

YOU TELL ME...

THE BOARD'S  
LIGHTIN' UP, DOM!  
SHE ASKS AND  
THEY OBEY!

SHE'S THE  
ANSWER TO OUR  
WISHES, RENNY.

ALL OUR  
WISHES!

--TAKE YOUR BASIC  
HUMAN TORCH-- DON'T  
GOTTA BE A ROCKET  
SCIENTIST TO FIGURE  
WHAT HE DOES, KNOW  
WHAT I MEAN?

BUT OL' HORNHEAD?  
FAR AS I SEE, HE'S A  
NORMAL GUY IN A RED  
SUIT... AN' I STOPPED  
BELIEVIN' IN SANTA  
CLAUS A LONG TIME  
AGO, KNOW WHAT  
I MEAN?

SORRY,  
TONY-- BUT I'LL  
NEVER STOP  
BELIEVING.

PETER  
IN QUEENS--  
YOU'RE ON  
THE AIR.

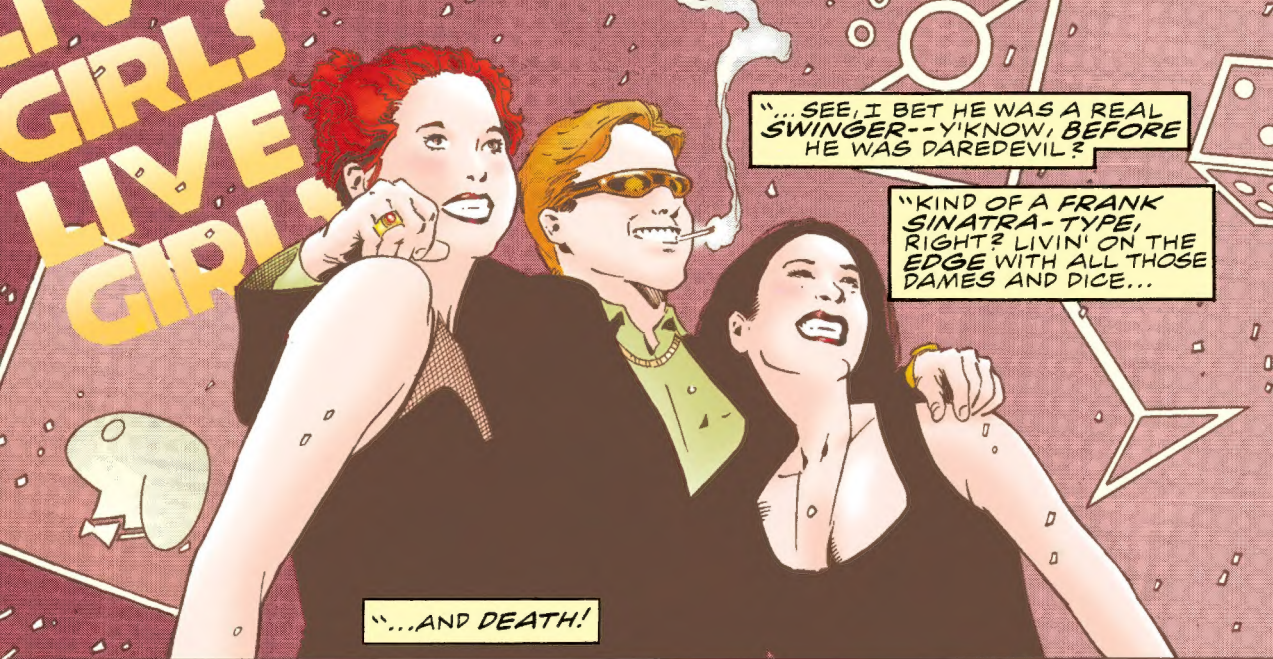
I AM? OH, YOUR SHOW'S  
THE BEST, MISS ANGEL!  
I NEVER MISS IT!

GUESS THAT MAKES  
YOU MY FIRST OFFICIAL  
FAN, PETER!

NO WAY! AW, THAT'S  
TOO COOL! I WON'T  
LET YOU DOWN,  
MISS ANGEL!

OKAY, LOOK-- I KINDA  
STUDY SUPER-HEROES,  
Y'KNOW? COLLECT STUFF  
ABOUT 'EM? AND I GOT  
THIS IDEA ABOUT DD...

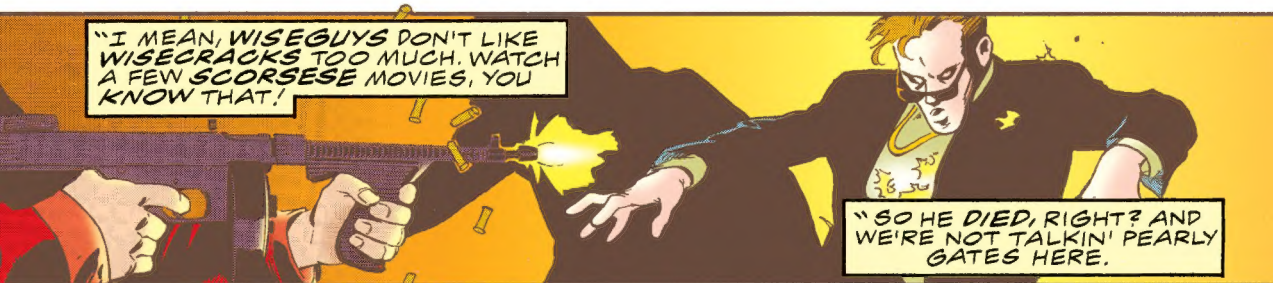




"...SEE, I BET HE WAS A REAL SWINGER--Y'KNOW, BEFORE HE WAS DAREDEVIL?"

"KIND OF A FRANK SINATRA-TYPE, RIGHT? LIVIN' ON THE EDGE WITH ALL THOSE DAMES AND DICE..."

"...AND DEATH!"



"I MEAN, WISEGUYS DON'T LIKE WISECRACKS TOO MUCH. WATCH A FEW SCORSESE MOVIES, YOU KNOW THAT?"

"SO HE DIED, RIGHT? AND WE'RE NOT TALKIN' PEARLY GATES HERE."

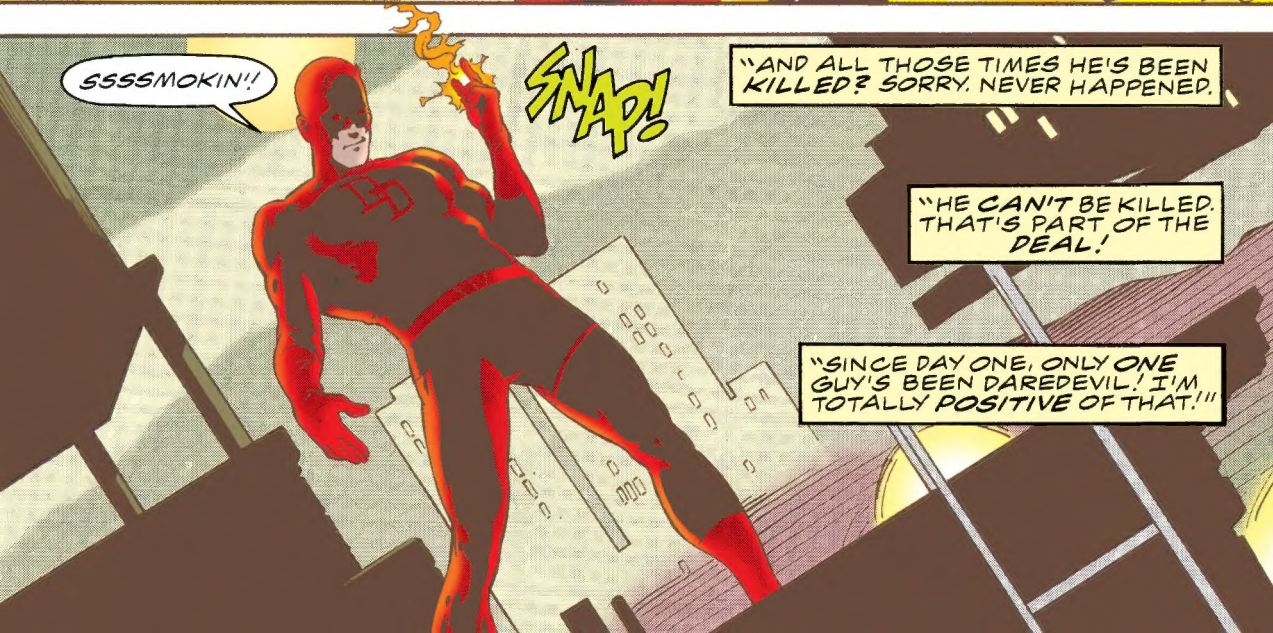


"THINK HE WAS SCARED? THE MAN WITHOUT FEAR? NO WAY."

"HE JUST WALKED UP TO SAM SCRATCH AND ARGUED AS GOOD AS THE BEST LAWYER HE'D BEEN SENT THERE BY MISTAKE... AND HE WON!"

"I MEAN, HOW ELSE DID HE GET HIS NAME?"

"Y'KNOW--DARE... DEVIL. GET IT?"



SSSSMOKIN'!!

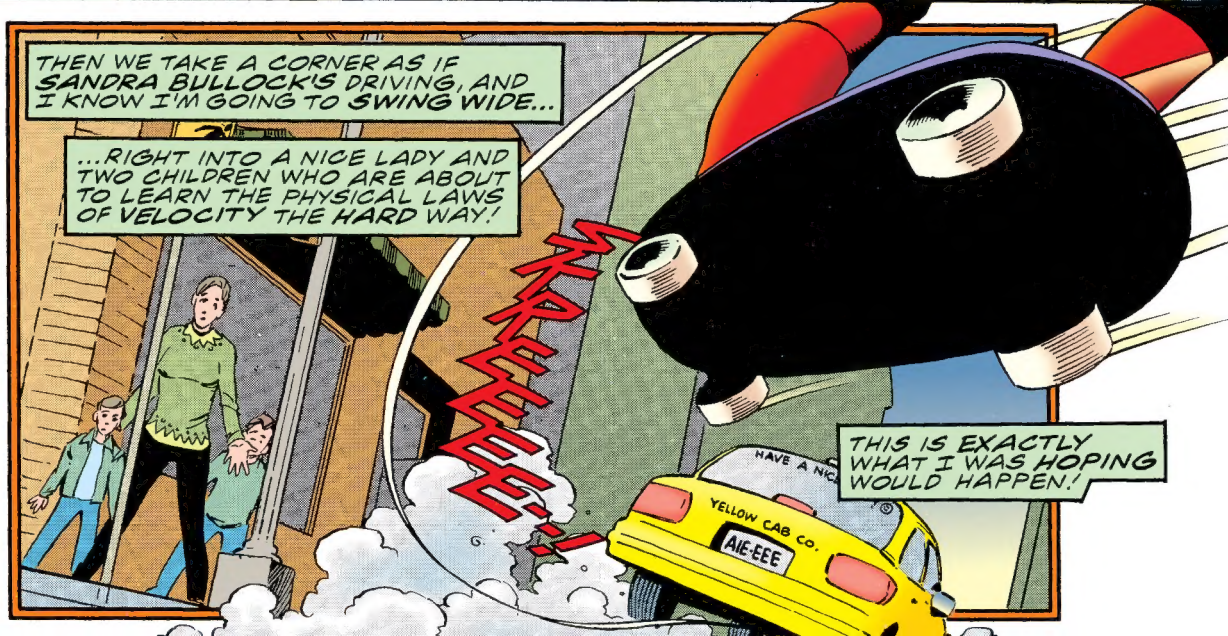
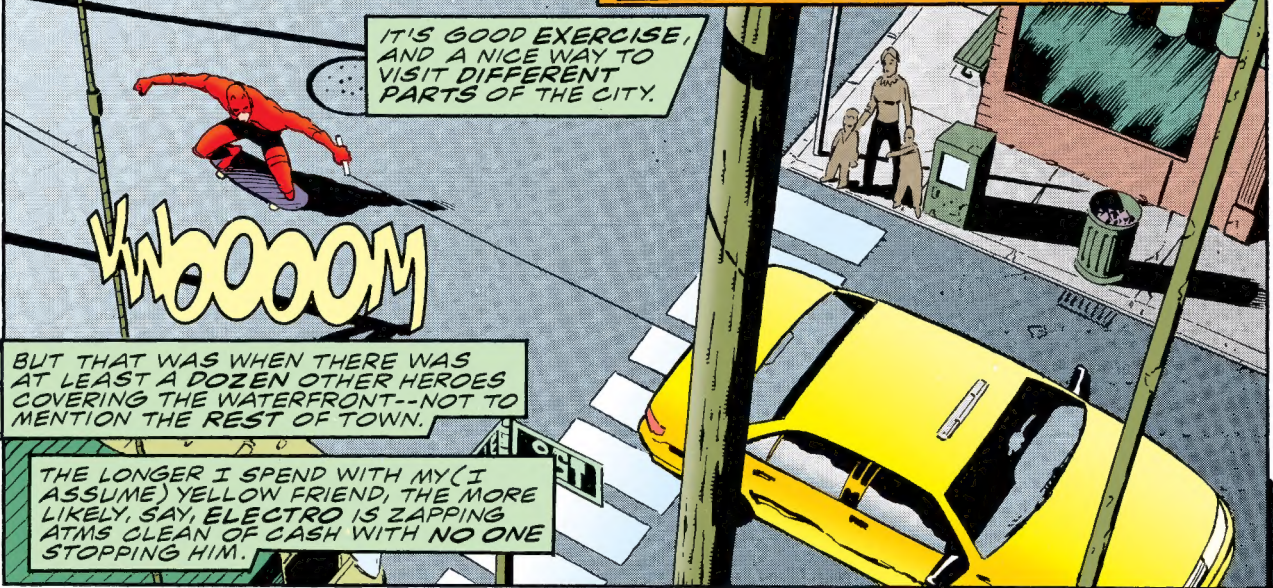
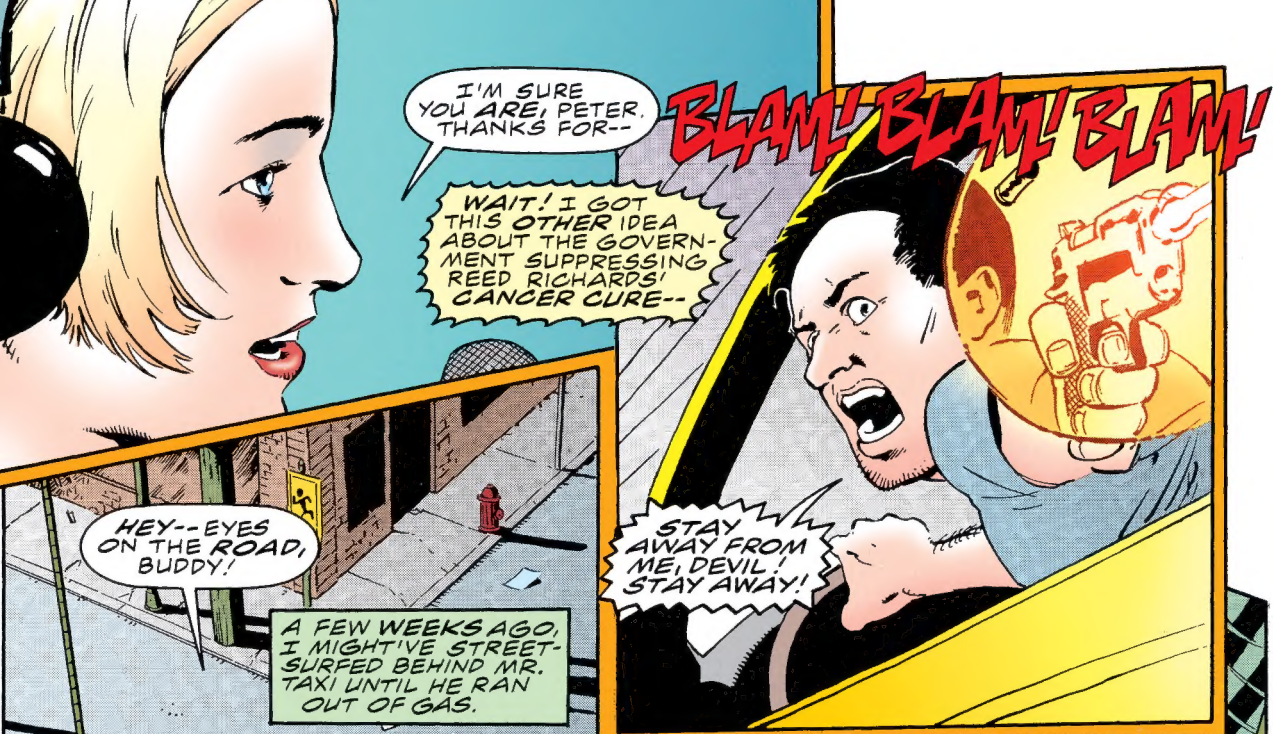
SNAP!

"AND ALL THOSE TIMES HE'S BEEN KILLED? SORRY. NEVER HAPPENED."

"HE CAN'T BE KILLED. THAT'S PART OF THE DEAL!"

"SINCE DAY ONE, ONLY ONE GUY'S BEEN DAREDEVIL. I'M TOTALLY POSITIVE OF THAT!!"









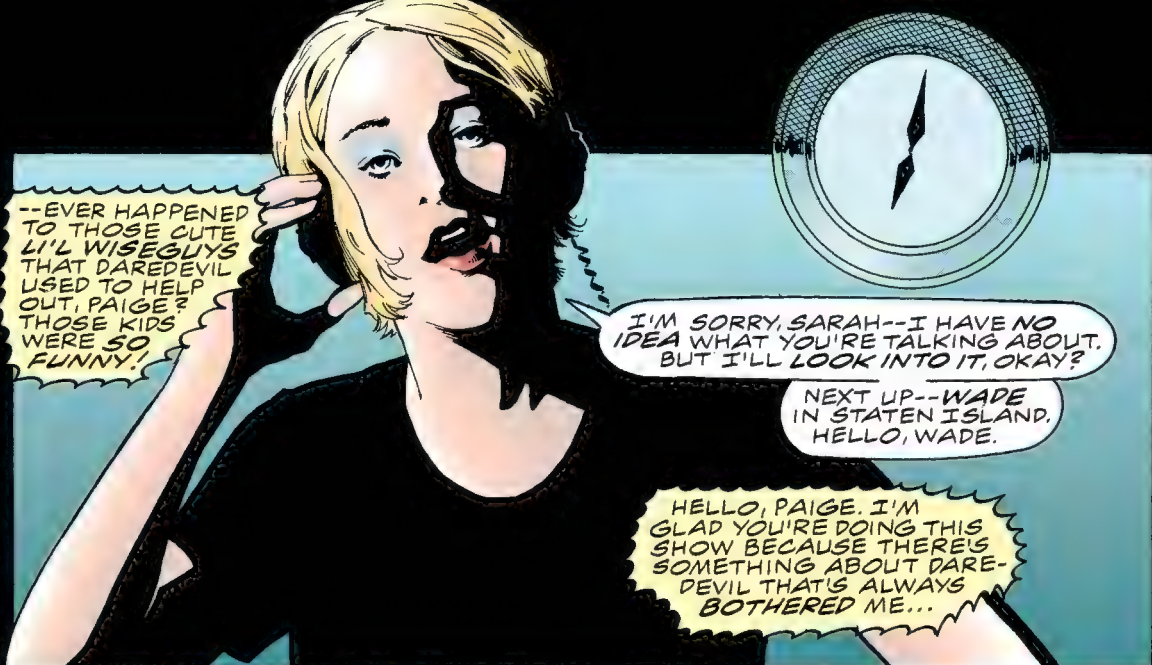
**WHUMM**

...MORE THAN ENOUGH DISTANCE TO APPREHEND MOST OF TODAY'S FLEEING CRIMINALS.

THAT'S RIGHT, SIR--I'M TALKING ABOUT YOU!

TURN THE METER OFF-- THIS IS WHERE YOU GET OUT!





--EVER HAPPENED TO THOSE CUTE LIL' WISEGUYS THAT DAREDEVIL USED TO HELP OUT, PAIGE? THOSE KIDS WERE SO FUNNY!

I'M SORRY, SARAH--I HAVE NO IDEA WHAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT. BUT I'LL LOOK INTO IT, OKAY?

NEXT UP--WADE IN STATEN ISLAND. HELLO, WADE.

HELLO, PAIGE. I'M GLAD YOU'RE DOING THIS SHOW BECAUSE THERE'S SOMETHING ABOUT DAREDEVIL THAT'S ALWAYS BOTHERED ME...

"...THE FACT THAT HIS MASK ACTUALLY COVERS HIS EYES.

"I DON'T KNOW WHY NO ONE'S EVER MENTIONED THIS BEFORE, BUT I DO THINK THE REASON IS FAIRLY OBVIOUS.

"SOMETHING MUST HAVE HAPPENED TO DAREDEVIL'S EYES.

"I DON'T KNOW WHAT --BUT I THINK IT'S SAFE TO ASSUME THEY DON'T LOOK NORMAL.

"MAYBE--AND I KNOW THIS IS GOING TO SOUND STUPID--BUT MAYBE HE WAS BITTEN BY A RADIO-ACTIVE BUG OF SOME KIND.

"MAYBE HE HAS FACETED INSECT-EYES.

"THINK ABOUT IT. I'M SURE YOU'VE HEARD THE SAME REPORTS I HAVE.

"DAREDEVIL MUST HAVE SOME SORT OF NIGHT VISION...X-RAY VISION...POSSIBLY EVEN SEES ACROSS A WIDE SPECTRUM INVISIBLE TO THE REST OF US.

"I WOULDN'T BE SURPRISED TO FIND OUT THAT DAREDEVIL CAN SEE BETTER THAN ANYONE ELSE ON THE PLANET."



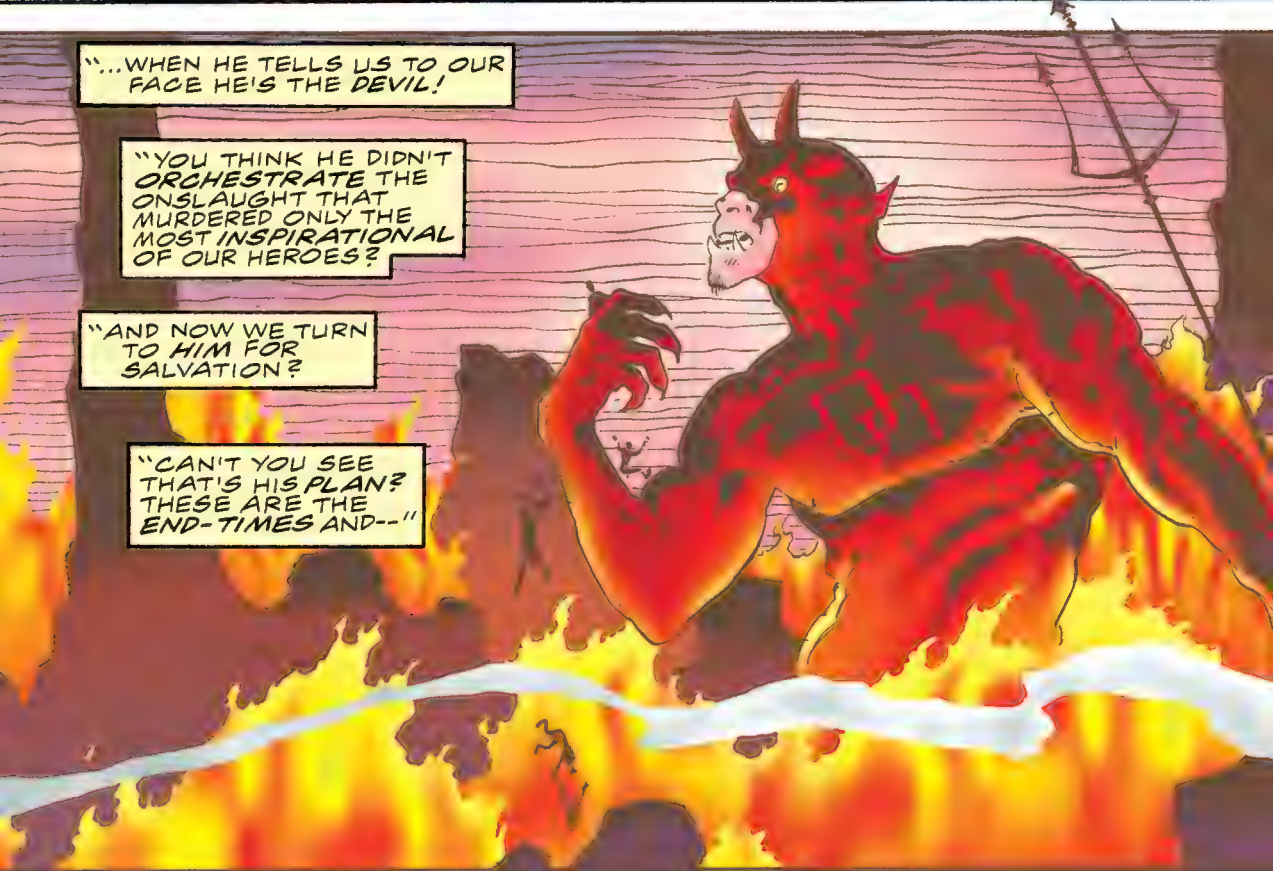


WELL, SOMETHING TELLS ME YOU'RE EITHER RIGHT OR WRONG ON THIS ONE, WADE. KEEP IN TOUCH.

SAMUEL IN NEWARK. WHAT'S ON YOUR MIND, SAM?

SAMUEL. MY NAME IS SAMUEL.

AND I CAN'T BELIEVE WE TREAT HIM AS A SAVIOR...



"...WHEN HE TELLS US TO OUR FACE HE'S THE DEVIL!

"YOU THINK HE DIDN'T ORCHESTRATE THE ONSLAUGHT THAT MURDERED ONLY THE MOST INSPIRATIONAL OF OUR HEROES?

"AND NOW WE TURN TO HIM FOR SALVATION?

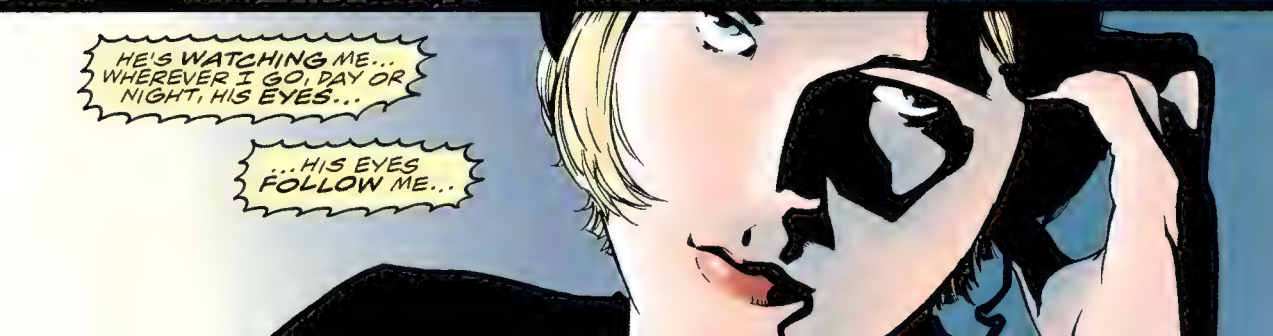
"CAN'T YOU SEE THAT'S HIS PLAN? THESE ARE THE END-TIMES AND--"



UM, THANKS FOR REMINDING ME, SAMUEL--WE ARE ALMOST OUT OF TIME, AND I WANT TO SQUEEZE IN ONE MORE CALL.

HELLO, LOWER EAST SIDE. I DON'T THINK WE GOT YOUR NAME.

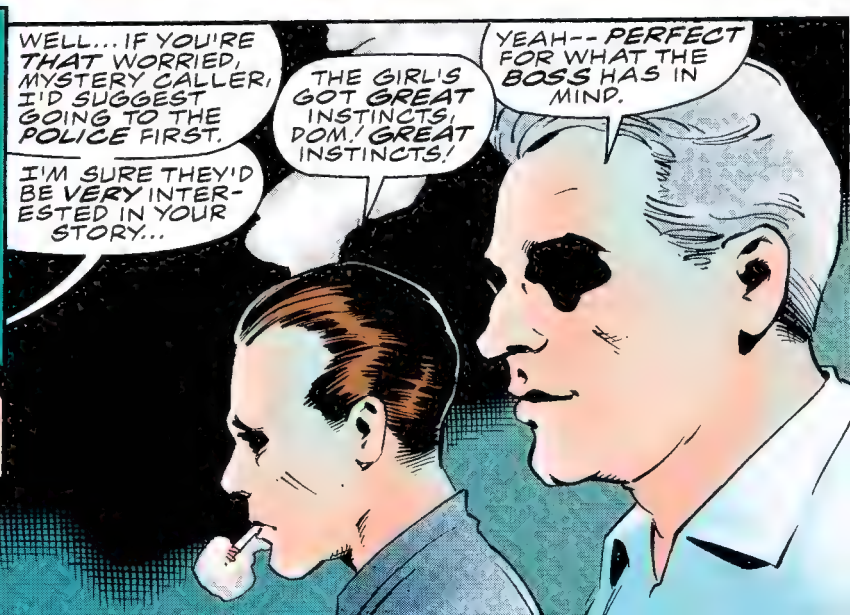
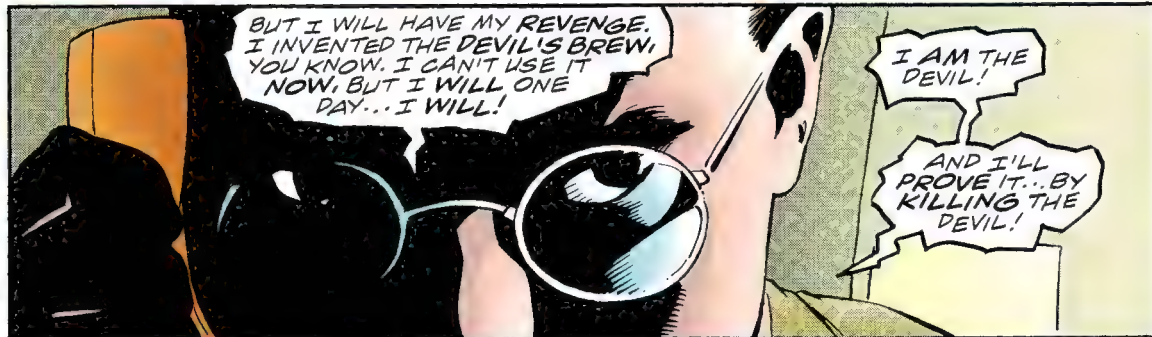
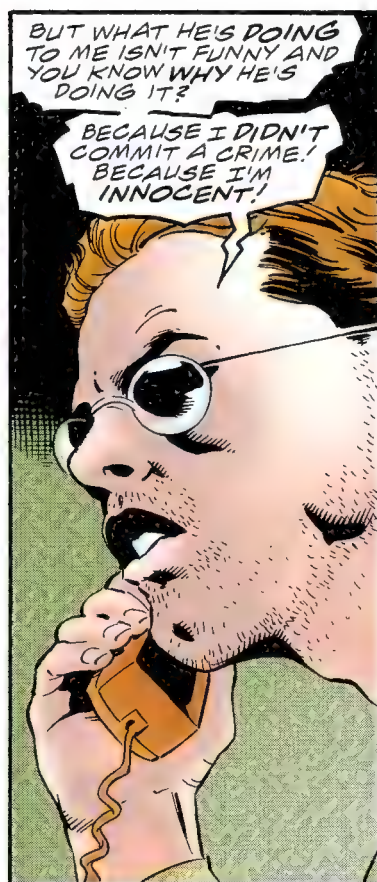
IT... IT DOESN'T MATTER.



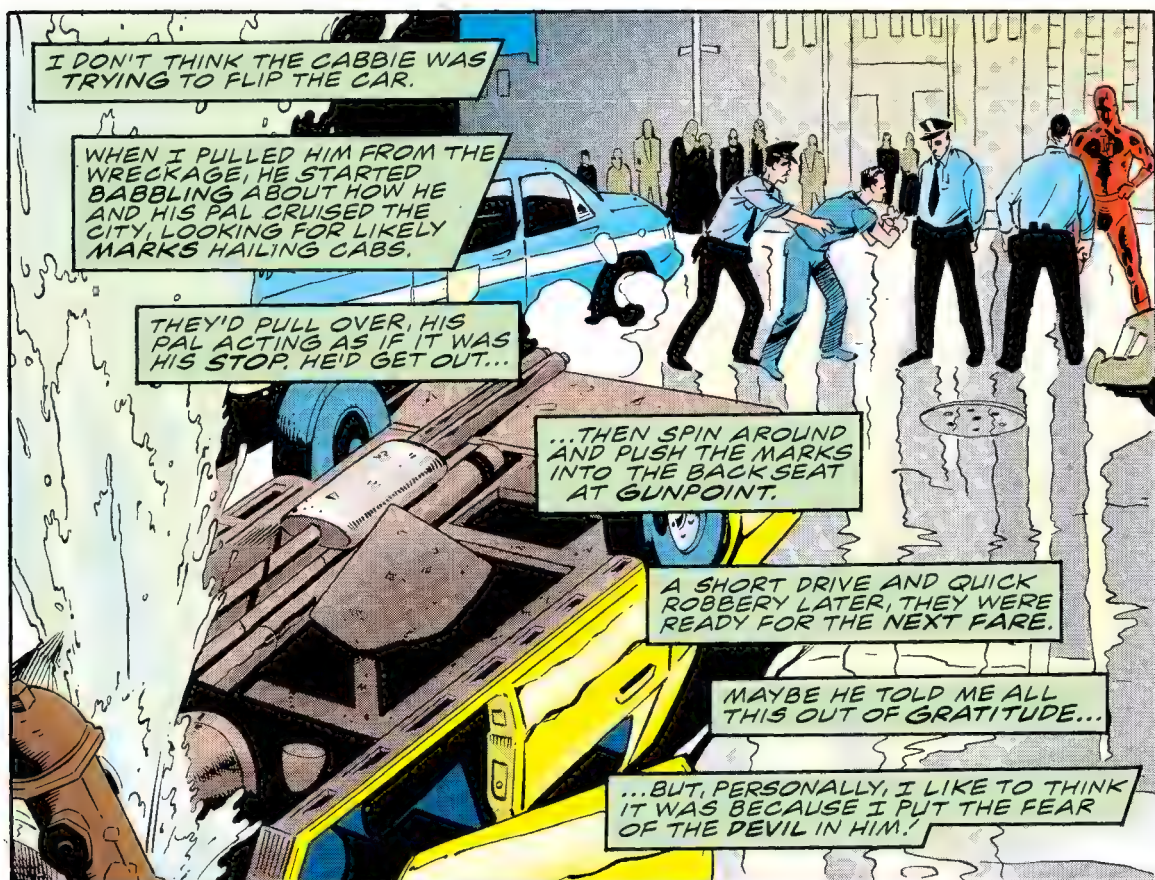
HE'S WATCHING ME... WHEREVER I GO, DAY OR NIGHT, HIS EYES...

...HIS EYES FOLLOW ME...









I DON'T THINK THE CABBIE WAS TRYING TO FLIP THE CAR.

WHEN I PULLED HIM FROM THE WRECKAGE, HE STARTED BABBLING ABOUT HOW HE AND HIS PAL CRUISED THE CITY, LOOKING FOR LIKELY MARKS HAILING CABS.

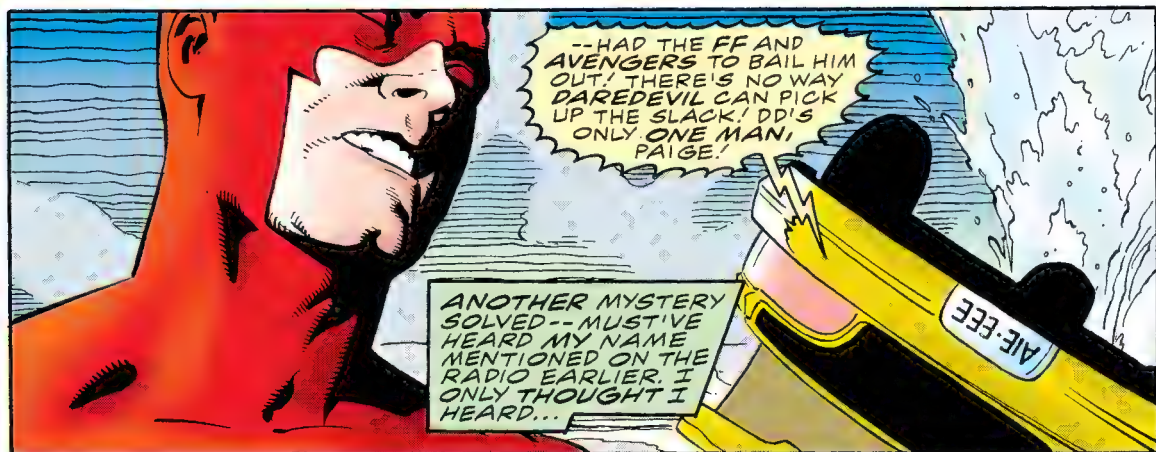
THEY'D PULL OVER, HIS PAL ACTING AS IF IT WAS HIS STOP. HE'D GET OUT...

...THEN SPIN AROUND AND PUSH THE MARKS INTO THE BACK SEAT AT GUNPOINT.

A SHORT DRIVE AND QUICK ROBBERY LATER, THEY WERE READY FOR THE NEXT FARE.

MAYBE HE TOLD ME ALL THIS OUT OF GRATITUDE...

...BUT, PERSONALLY, I LIKE TO THINK IT WAS BECAUSE I PUT THE FEAR OF THE DEVIL IN HIM!



--HAD THE FF AND AVENGERS TO BAIL HIM OUT! THERE'S NO WAY DAREDEVIL CAN PICK UP THE SLACK! DD'S ONLY ONE MAN, PAIGE!

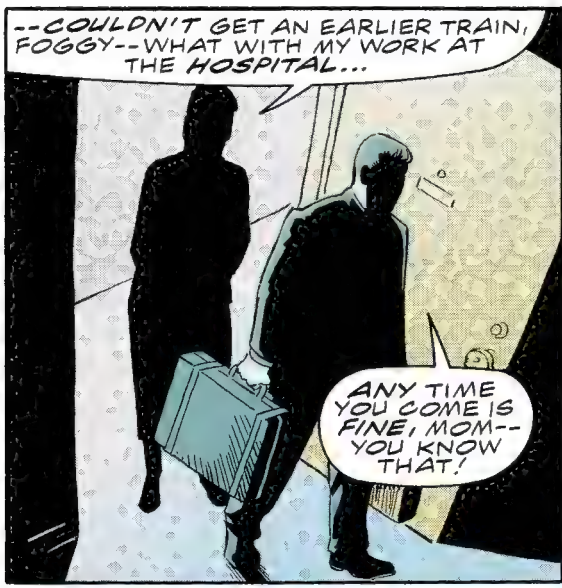
ANOTHER MYSTERY SOLVED-- MUST'VE HEARD MY NAME MENTIONED ON THE RADIO EARLIER. I ONLY THOUGHT I HEARD...

...KAREN?!?

AND WE'RE OUT OF TIME FOR THIS SEGMENT, STUART-- THANKS FOR CALLING.

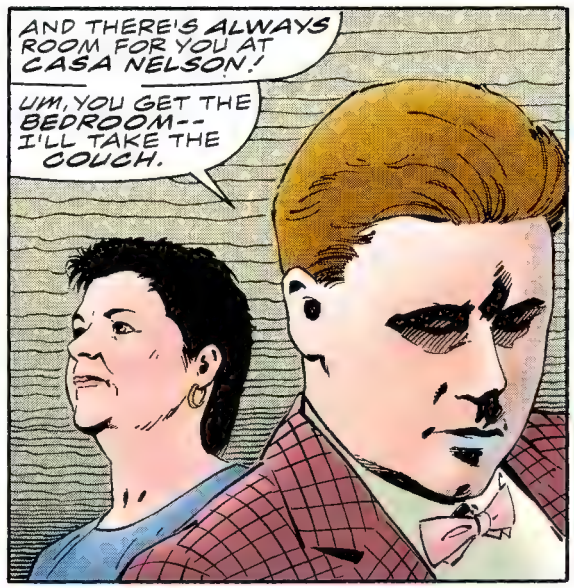
THIS IS PAIGE ANGEL-- YOUR SHINING LIGHT IN THE NEON NIGHT-- BACK AFTER THESE MESSAGES...





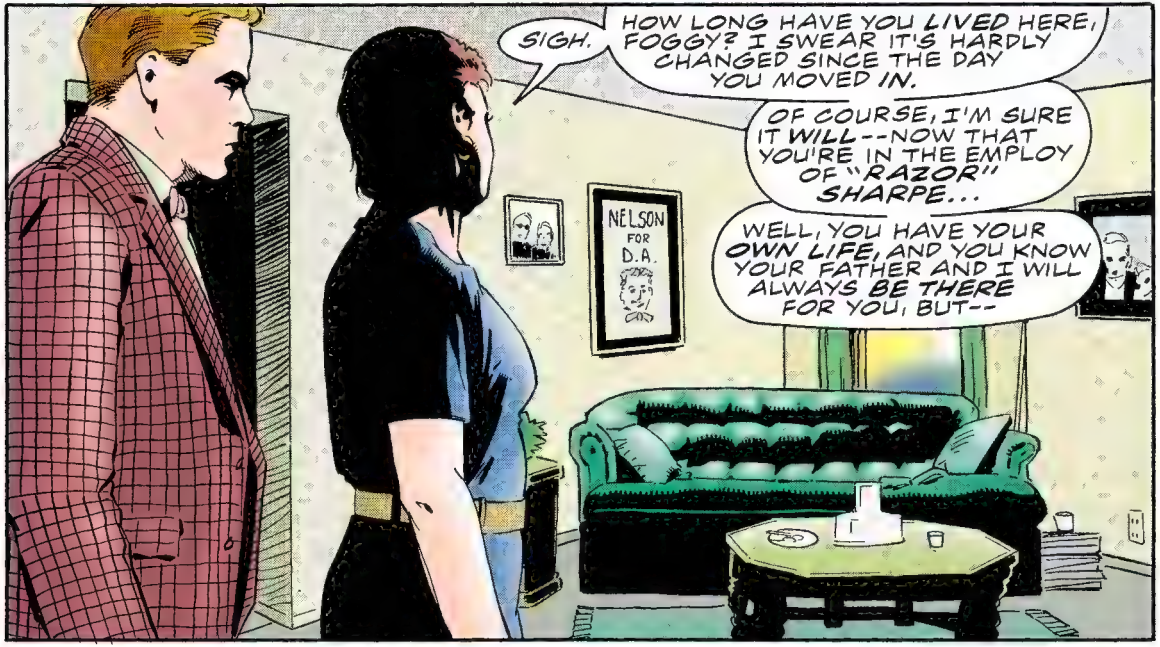
--COULDN'T GET AN EARLIER TRAIN, FOGGY--WHAT WITH MY WORK AT THE HOSPITAL...

ANY TIME YOU COME IS FINE, MOM-- YOU KNOW THAT!



AND THERE'S ALWAYS ROOM FOR YOU AT CASA NELSON!

UM, YOU GET THE BEDROOM-- I'LL TAKE THE COUCH.

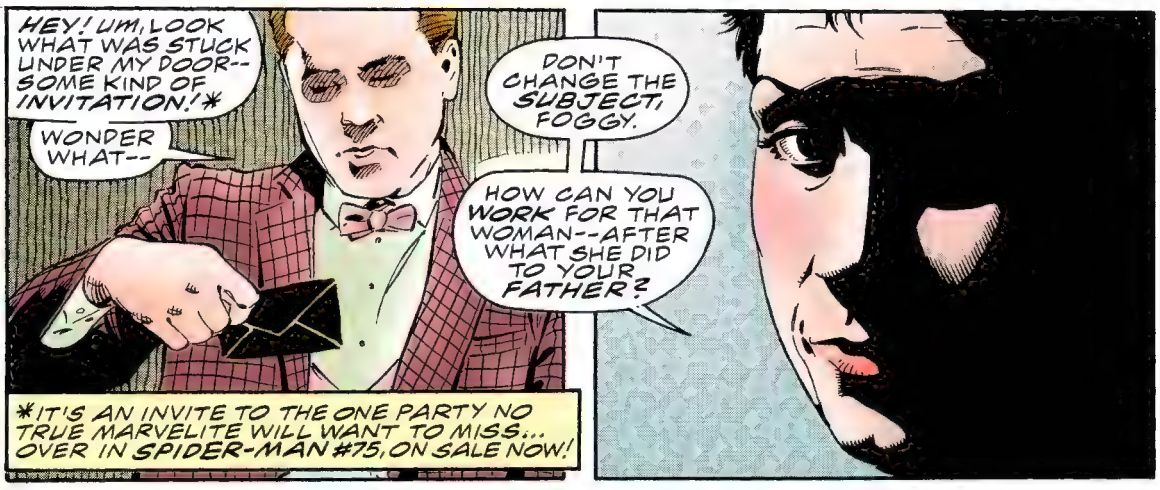


SIGH.

HOW LONG HAVE YOU LIVED HERE, FOGGY? I SWEAR IT'S HARDLY CHANGED SINCE THE DAY YOU MOVED IN.

OF COURSE, I'M SURE IT WILL--NOW THAT YOU'RE IN THE EMPLOY OF "RAZOR" SHARPE...

WELL, YOU HAVE YOUR OWN LIFE, AND YOU KNOW YOUR FATHER AND I WILL ALWAYS BE THERE FOR YOU, BUT--



HEY! UM, LOOK WHAT WAS STUCK UNDER MY DOOR-- SOME KIND OF INVITATION!\*

WONDER WHAT--

DON'T CHANGE THE SUBJECT, FOGGY.

HOW CAN YOU WORK FOR THAT WOMAN--AFTER WHAT SHE DID TO YOUR FATHER?

\*IT'S AN INVITE TO THE ONE PARTY NO TRUE MARVELITE WILL WANT TO MISS... OVER IN SPIDER-MAN #75, ON SALE NOW!



WELL, UH... FIRST I'M,  
UH, I'M NOT WORKING  
FOR HER... EXACTLY.

I'M A PARTNER.  
UH, OKAY, JUNIOR  
PARTNER, BUT--

FRANKLIN?  
ROSALIND.

EXCUSE THE LATE CALL, BUT OFFICE  
GOSSIP SAID MRS. NELSON WAS IN  
TOWN AND I SIMPLY HAD TO KNOW IF  
SHE ARRIVED SAFELY?

OH, TOO  
BAD...

WELL, ON A  
BRIGHTER NOTE--  
I REALIZE I'VE  
BEEN A BIT SNIP-  
PISH WITH YOU  
LATELY, FRANKLIN.

I DON'T EVEN  
RECALL ITS CAUSE--  
BETRAYING ME  
DURING THE HYDE  
TRIAL, PERHAPS?

NO MATTER--ALL  
IS FORGIVEN, IN  
FACT, I HAVE A  
LITTLE SURPRISE  
FOR YOU...

--BUT I  
BETTER  
GET  
THIS.

VRRIING!  
VRRIING!

--USED TO BE A GUY  
WHO COULD REALLY  
KICK BUTT.' NOW HE'S  
ACTIN' LIKE SOME  
CLASS CLOWN!

WHAT'S HE THINKIN',  
PAIGE-- BIG YUKS'LL  
STOP THE MUTIES NEXT  
TIME THEY ATTACK?

AT LEAST HE'S ACTUALLY  
THINKING... AND I'M  
THINKING IT'S TIME TO  
MOVE ON TO ROSALIND  
IN MANHATTAN...

THANK YOU, PAIGE,  
I'VE BEEN LISTENING  
TO YOUR FASCINATING  
SHOW TONIGHT...

...BUT IF YOU WANT TO  
KNOW ABOUT DAREDEVIL  
YOU SHOULD TALK TO MY...  
PARTNER, FRANKLIN NELSON.

HE'S THE MAN WITHOUT  
FEAR'S CLOSEST FRIEND,  
YOU KNOW. BY LUCK, HE'S  
ON MY OTHER LINE  
RIGHT NOW!

FRANKLIN? TELL EVERY-  
ONE IN RADIOLAND WHAT  
DAREDEVIL'S REALLY  
LIKE. YOU'RE ON THE  
AIR, MY BOY!





HUH?  
I...UM...  
WELL...

"...I, UM, I GUESS  
YOU COULD SAY I'VE  
KNOWN DD A LONG  
TIME, KIND OF.

"AND, UM, FROM THE BEGINNING  
I HELPED HIM WITH SOME OF  
HIS CASES...AND HE HELPED  
ME WITH A LOT OF MINE.

"THOSE WERE THE DAYS--THE  
TWO OF US, READY TO TAKE ON  
THE WORLD! THERE WAS NEVER  
A DULL MOMENT, THAT'S FOR SURE!

"SO I GUESS I KNOW DD  
PRETTY WELL--BUT THERE'S  
THINGS HE KEEPS TO HIMSELF  
...THINGS THAT DON'T REALLY  
MATTER, EXCEPT THEY DO.

"AND THAT BOTHERED  
ME...BUT LATELY I'VE  
BEEN THINKING THAT  
MAYBE WE ALL HAVE  
THINGS LIKE THAT.

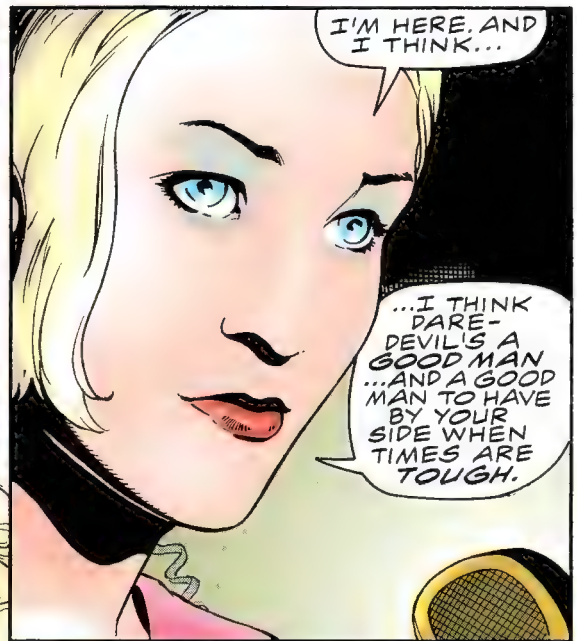
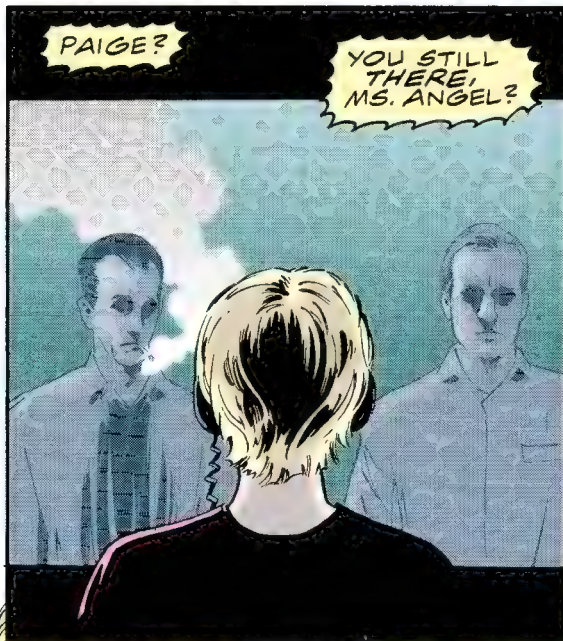
"I MEAN, DD ALWAYS  
TREATED ME LIKE AN  
EQUAL PARTNER, AND  
YOU CAN'T ASK FOR  
MORE THAN THAT FROM  
ANYONE.

"AND HE TAUGHT ME  
THERE'S ONLY ONE  
THING, REALLY, THAT  
YOU SHOULDN'T BE  
AFRAID OF--AND  
THAT'S FAILING.


"ONCE YOU GET PAST  
THAT, YOU'RE A REAL  
MAN WITHOUT FEAR.

"YOU DO THAT...  
YOU CAN DO  
ANYTHING!"










I WANTED TO BE  
AN ACTRESS ONCE.  
I WANTED TO BE THE  
CENTER OF ATTENTION  
IN THE WORST  
WAY...

...AND THAT'S  
EXACTLY WHAT  
HAPPENED.

IT WAS A LONG,  
ROUGH ROAD BEFORE  
I REALIZED FAME ISN'T  
AS IMPORTANT AS THE  
MARK YOU LEAVE.

AND SOMETIMES  
WHO YOU ARE...OR  
WERE... GETS IN THE  
WAY OF DOING THAT.

SO YOU PUT ON  
A MASK...



WE'RE STILL  
TALKING ABOUT  
DAREDEVIL,  
RIGHT?

OH! UM,  
OF COURSE,  
WE ARE!

SO...WHAT DO  
YOU THINK ABOUT  
DAREDEVIL, MIKE?



HE'S BLIND...



...BLIND TO WHAT  
PEOPLE THINK ABOUT  
HIM, AT LEAST!

BUT YOU'RE RIGHT,  
PAIGE--WHO YOU  
ARE DOESN'T MATTER  
AS MUCH AS WHAT  
YOU DO.

TAKE WFSK, FOR  
INSTANCE. LOT OF  
BAD RUMORS ABOUT  
THAT PLACE--MONEY  
LAUNDERING... MOB  
CONNECTIONS...

YOU ASK ME, A MAN  
WHO DRESSES LIKE  
THE DEVIL WOULD  
APPRECIATE THE  
IRONY OF SOMEONE  
TRYING TO USE A  
PLACE LIKE THAT  
AS A POWER  
FOR GOOD.







FOUR FREEDOMS  
PLAZA SWAYS SO  
LITTLE IN THE MORN-  
ING SUN, MOST  
PEOPLE WOULDN'T  
NOTICE IT.

I DO. AND WHILE I MAY  
NOT HAVE THE RAW POWER  
OF THE HEROES WHO USED  
TO LIVE HERE...

...I WILL DO EVERYTHING  
I CAN TO MAKE SURE  
THIS BUILDING IS A  
LEGACY TO THEIR  
GREATNESS, AND NOT  
A TOMBSTONE.

DELIVERY TRUCKS  
FILLED WITH WARM  
BREADS OR COOL  
PRODUCE RATTLE  
DOWN SIDE STREETS.

ALARM CLOCKS  
RING.

THE SMELL OF  
COFFEE FILLS  
THE AIR.

HORNS BLARE AT A  
FENDER-BENDER  
BLOCKING CANAL  
STREET AND WEST  
BROADWAY.

ALL AROUND ME, THE  
CITY THAT NEVER  
SLEEPS BEGINS TO  
MOVE AGAIN.

KAREN SIGNS  
OFF FOR THE  
NIGHT.

ACROSS TOWN, A  
SECURITY BELL  
GOES OFF.

TIME TO GET  
TO WORK.



